ARTICLES TO BE ENQVIRED OF, WITHIN THE DIOCESSE OF *PETER-BOROVGH*, IN THE FIRST Trienniall Visitation of the Right Reverend Father in God, WILLIAM *Lord Bishop of Peterborough.*

Holden in the yeare of our Lord God 1631.

And Presentment to be made thereof by the Church-wardens and Side-men, with particular answer to every Article.

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The Oath to be miniſtred to the Church-wardens and Side-men.

YOu ſhall ſweare, that you, and every of you, without all affection, favour, hatred, hope of reward and gaine, or feare of diſpleaſure or malice of any perſon, ſhall preſent all and every ſuch perſon or perſons, of, or within your pariſh, who hath committed any offence, fault, or crime, mentioned in any of theſe Articles; or which are vehemently ſuſpected, or otherwiſe defamed of any ſuch offence, fault, or crime; wherein you ſhall deale vprightly, and according to truth, neither of malice preſenting any contrary to truth, nor of corrupt affection ſparing to preſent any, and ſo conceale the truth; hauing in this action God before your eyes, with an earneſt zeale to maintaine truth, and ſuppreſſe vice. So helpe you God, and the Contents of this Booke.

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Articles concerning the Clergie.

IN primis, whether doth your Minister, or Preacher in his Prayer before his Sermon, vse to pray for the Kings most excellent Maiestie King Charles, giving him his whole Title; as King of great Brittaine, France, and Ireland, Defender of the faith, &c. in all causes, and over all persons aswell Ecclesiasticall as Temporall, within his Highnesse Dominions, next and immediatly vnder God supreme Governour? And doth he in like manner then pray for Queene Mary, Prince Charles, Fredericke the Prince Elector Palatine, the Lady Elizabeth his wife, and their princely progeny? And doth he also vse to pray for the Archbishops, and Bishops; exhorting the people to obedience vnto his Maiestie, and all Magistrates in authority vnder him?

2 Whether doth your Minister vse the prescript forme of Divine Service vpon sundayes, holy-dayes, wednesdayes, and fridayes, according to the booke of Common Prayer, without any omission, addition, or alteration? and doth he say divine Service vpon the Eues of every sunday, and holy-day, at fit and vsuall times? And whether doth your Minister duely obserue all the Orders, Rites, and Ceremonies, prescribed in the Booke of Common Prayer, as well in reading publike Prayers, and the Letanie; as also in administring the Sacraments in such manner and forme, as by the Booke of

Common Prayer, by Law now established, is enioyned?

3 Whether doth your Minister administer the holy Communion so often, and at such times, as that every parishioner may receiue the same at least thrice in every yeare, whereof once at Easter, as by the Booke of Common Prayer is appointed?

4 Whether doth your Minister receiue the same himselfe, on every day that he administreth it to others, kneeling at the same? and administreth it to none, but to such as doe kneele at the receiuing thereof? and vseth the words of the Institution, according to the Booke, at every time that the Bread and Wine is receiued, in such manner and forme, as by the Proviso of the twelfth Canon is directed? or wherein is he faulty touching the premisses? and whether is warning giuen by him before hand for the Communion, as the two and twentieth Canon requireth?

5 Whether doth your Minister vse the administration of the Lords Supper, Baptisme, Instruction of children, Solemnization of matrimony, Visitation of the sicke, Buriall of the dead, the Commination, and Churching of women, vnder such words, Rites, and Ceremonies, as are set forth and prescribed in the said Booke of Common Prayer, and no other?

6 Whether hath your Minister admitted to the Communion any notorious offenders or schismaticks, contrary to the 26. and 27. Constitutions?

7 Whether your Minister, together with the Church-wardens, doe take diligent heed, that no strangers of any other parish come often, and commonly to your Church, from their owne parish Church, contrary to the twenty eight Canon? And you are to present the names of all those, who being of the age of 16 yeares, or vpwards, haue not in their owne parish, at, or since Easter last receiued the Communion, according to the hundred and twelfth Canon.

8 Whether doth your Minister vse to signe the children with the signe of the Crosse, when they are baptised, according to the Booke of Common Prayer? or baptise in any bason or vessell, and not in the vsuall Font? or hath he baptised any children that were not borne in the parish? and whether hath he deferred, or wilfully refused to baptise any infant in his parish being in danger, hauing beene duly informed of the weakenesse thereof? and whether the child hath dyed by his

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default without Baptisme? or whether hath he at any time refused, or neglected to bury the dead, or to minister the Sacrament of the Lords Supper to any, being in extremity of sickne sse, hauing beene required thereunto? or hath he buried any in Christian buriall, which by the Constitutions of the Church of England ought not to be so interred?

9 Whether is your Minister continually resident with you vpon his Benefice, or for how long time hath he beene absent, and where is he resident for the most part, and what other Benefice hath he, and doth he in his absence make allowance for the poore, and what allowance doth he make?

10 Whether doth your Minister preach vsually according to the constitutions, either in his owne Cure with you once every Sunday, or else in some other Church or chappell neere adioyning, where no Preacher is, or how often hath he beene negligent in that behalfe?

11 Whether is your Minister a Preacher allowed? if yea, then by whom? if no, then doth he procure Sermons to be preached among you, once in every moneth at least, by such as are lawfully licensed?

12 Whether hath your Minister any other Benefice, and whether doth he supply his absence by a Curate that is licensed to preach in that his cure, whereon he himselfe is not resident? or otherwise, in case he doth not finde a preaching Minister there, by reason of the smallnesse thereof, whether doth he preach at both his Benefices vsually himselfe? And doth he, or his curate vpon every Sunday when there is no Sermon, reade an Homilie, or some part thereof, according as he ought to doe?

13 Whether is your curate licensed by the Lord Bishop of the Diocesse, or his Chancellour? and whether doth he serue any more cures then one? if yea, what other cure doth he serue? and how farre are they distant one from the other? and whether hath your curate any Benefice, or cure of soules besides your cure?

14 If your Minister be not licensed to preach, whether doth hee take vpon him to expound the Scriptures, either in his owne cure, or elsewhere, contrary to the 49. Canon?

15 Whether hath any person beene admitted to preach within your Church, or chappell, but such as you haue well knowne to be sufficiently licensed? and whether haue you caused every strange Preacher to subscribe his name, according to the Canons in that behalfe?

16 Whether is his Maiesties declaratiõ, prefixed before the Articles of Religiõ, concerning the setling of the Questions in difference, duly obserued by your Minister, Preacher, or Lecturer, and all others within your parish, according to his Maiesties late cõmandement?

17 Whether doth your Minister every Sunday, and holy-day before euening prayer, for halfe an houre or more, catechize and instruct the youth, and ignorant persons of your parish, in the ten Commandements, the Articles of Beliefe, and the Lords prayer? and whether doth he vse the Catechisme, set forth in the Booke of Common Prayer, and instruct and teach them in the said Catechisme? or what Catechisme else doth he vse? and whether be the children and ignorant persons sent at that time to the Church to be catechised and instructed by the Minister? and if not, you are to present the names of those that make default in not sending them?

18 Whether your after-noone Sermons be turned into Catechising by Question and Answere, (vnlesse there be some great cause apparent to the contrary) according to his Maiesties late Order?

19 Whether doth your Parson or Vicar (hauing a curate) reade diuine Seruice and administer the Sacraments in his owne person twice every yeare, obseruing all the ceremonies in the Booke of Common Prayer established, according to the 56 Canon?

20 Whether doth your Lecturer reade diuine Seruice according to the Liturgie printed by authority, in his Surplice and hood before his Lecture?

21 Whether haue you any Lecture set vp in your parish? if so, whether is it read by a company of graue and orthodox Diuines neere adioyning, and in the same Diocesse? and whether doe they preach in gownes, and not in cloakes (as is lately commanded by his Maiestie?)

22 Whether haue you a Lecturer in your parish, maintained by a Corporation, and allowed to preach there, who (to your knowledge) hath not actually taken a Liuing with cure of soules being fairely procured for him, according to his Maiesties late order?

23 Whether doth your Preacher or Lecturer behaue himselfe in his Sermons as he ought to doe, teaching obedience, and edifying the vnderstanding of his Auditory in matters of faith & good life, without intermedling with any State-matters, not fit to be handled in

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the Pulpit, but to be discussed by the wisedome of his Maiestie and his Councellours of State? And if you finde any faulty herein, you shall present him.

24 Whether hath any person within your parish (vnder Noblemen and men qualified by Law) any Chaplaine in his house? if so, you shall present their names.

25 Whether doth your Minister weare the Surplice while he is saying the publike Prayers, and administring the Sacraments? and if he be a Graduate, whether doth he also weare vpon his Surplice during the times aforesaid such a hood as by the Orders of the Universitie is agreable to his degree?

26 Whether hath your Minister (without a licence from the Archbishop or the Bishop of his Diocesse or his Chancellour) solemnized marriage betweene any parties the banes being not three severall Sundayes or holy-dayes first published in time of diuine Service, in the severall Churches and Chappels of their severall aboades, according to the Booke of Common Prayer: or without licence in times prohibited, albeit the Banes were so published? or at any time, except betweene the houres of eight and twelue in the fore-noone?

27 Whether hath your Minister solemnized any marriage betweene any persons vnder the age of one and twenty yeares, without the consent of their Parents or Guardians?

28 Whether doth your Minister vpon Sundayes at morning prayer declare vnto the parishioners what holy-dayes, and fasting dayes are appointed to be kept the weeke following, according to the Booke of Common Prayer?

29 Whether doth your Minister in the Rogation dayes vse the perambulation of the circuit of the Parish appointed by Law, and in the same perambulation moue the people to giue thankes vnto God for his benefits; vsing such psalmes and prayers as are to that end set forth?

30 Whether hath any (being no Minister or Deacon) presumed to reade Common prayer openly in the Church or chappell, or to serue the Cure of the Parish? And whether hath any Deacon, not having received the full Orders of Priesthood, administred the Sacraments in your Church or Chappell? you are to present the name of any that hath offended herein.

31 Whether doth your Minister every six moneths denounce in his parish all such as doe persevere in the sentence of Excommunication, not seeking to be absolued? and whether hath he said divine Service while any excommunicate person hath beene present in the church; or hath admitted any person excommunicate into the church, without a certificate of his absolution from the Ordinarie? And hath he stayed, or forborne to denounce any Excommunication, or suspension that hath beene sent vnto him from his Ordinary?

32 Whether doth your Minister, being a Preacher, endeavour with mildnesse and temperance to reclaime Popish Recusants in his parish from their errours, if there be any such abiding there?

33 Whether is your Parson or Vicar, or curate, a favourer of Recusants, whereby he may be suspected not to be sincere in Religion?

34 Whether hath your Minister, or any other taking vpon him the calling of a Minister preached, baptised children (except in case of necessity) solemnized marriage, churched any women, or ministred the holy communion in any private house or houses, otherwise then by Law is allowed? if yea; then where? whom? when? and how often hath he offended in any of the premises?

35 Whether doth your Minister resort vnto such as be sicke to instruct and comfort them, according to the Booke of common prayer, exhorting them when they make their Testaments to giue somewhat to godly and charitable vses?

36 Whether doth your Minister weare such Priestly garments as by the 74. constitution is enioyned them? and whether doth he vse any mechanicall trade, or hath sollicited other mens suites for gaine; or imployed himselfe otherwise then beseemeth his calling?

37 Whether doe you know any in your parish, that hauing heretofore taken vpon him the calling of a Priest or Deacon, hath since relinquished the same, and betaken himselfe in the course of his life as a Lay-man, or neglecting his vocation liueth idlely?

38 Whether is your Parson or Vicar knowne, or by common fame reputed, to haue bought or come to his Benefice by Simonie or by corrupt and vnlawfull meanes?

39 Whether is your Minister noted to be an incontinent person, a frequenter of Taverns or Ale-houses, a common gamester or player at dice, a common swearer, or drunkard, or faulty in any other crime punishable

punishable by Ecclesiasticall censures, whereby he is offensiue or scandalous to his function or ministery?

40 Whether doth your Minister vse the forme of Thanksgiuing to women after their child-birth? or hath he admitted thereunto any woman begotten with childe in adulterie or fornication, without licence of his Ordinarie?

41 Whether hath your Minister read the Booke of Constitutions and Canons publikely in your Church once every yeare, vpon some Sundayes or holy-dayes in the after noone before diuine Seruice in such manner, as the same is commanded to bee done?

42 Whether hath your Minister publikely preached or priuately spoken in derogation of the Booke of Common prayer, or of any thing therein; or against the present state of the Ecclesiasticall gouernment established by Law?

43 Whether hath your Minister beene at any schismaticall conventicles, or hath conferr'd with any about any priuate orders for prayers, preaching, or expounding the Scriptures, contrary to the Booke of common prayer, and the Lawes established? if so you shall present them all.

44 Whether hath your Minister taken vpon him to appoint any publike or priuate Fasts, Preaching or Lecturing not approued and established by law or publike authority?

45 Whether hath your Minister admitted any person to answer as Godfather or Godmother at the christning of a child, that hath not before receiued the holy Communion, and is not able to recite the Lords Prayer, the ten Commandements, and the Articles of beliefe, and to answere to the same being required?

Articles concerning the Church.

1 WHether haue you in your Church or chappell the Booke of Constitutions or Canons Ecclesiasticall, as is commanded?

2 Whether is there in your Church or chappell one parchment Register-Booke prouided for christnings, marriages, and burials,

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and whether is the same duly and exactly kept, according to the constitutions in that behalfe provided? And is there a transcript thereof brought in yearely into the L. Bishops principall Registry?

3 Whether haue you provided the Booke of Common Prayer, set forth by his Maiesties authority, and the booke of Homilies, and a large Bible of the last edition? and whether haue you in your Church or Chappell a Font of stone, set vp in the ancient vsuall place, a convenient and decent Communion-Table, with a Carpet of silke, or some other decent stuffe, and a faire linnen cloth to lay thereon at the Communion time? And whether is the same Table placed in such convenient sort within the said Chancell or Church, as that the Minister may be best heard in his prayer, and administration? And whether are the ten Commandements set vpon the East end of your Church or Chappell, where the people may see and reade them, and other sentences of holy Scriptures written on the walls likewise for the same purpose?

4 Whether haue you a convenient seat for your Minister, to reade service in, together with a comely Pulpit set vp in a convenient place, with a decent cloth or cushion for the same, a comely large Surplice, a faire Communion Cup of silver, and a cover agreable for the same, with all other things and Ornaments necessary for the celebration of diuine Service, and administration of the Sacraments, and a strong chest for the Almes of the poore with three lockes and keyes, (whereof the Minister is to keepe one key) and another chest for the keeping of the Ornaments of the Church and Register-Booke?

5 Whether haue you a faire paper-Booke, wherein every Preacher which is a stranger shall write his name, the day he preacheth, and by whose authority he is licensed?

6 Whether are your Church or Chappels with the Chancels thereof, and your Parsonage or Vicarage-house, and all other housing thereto belonging in good reparations, and decently and comely kept, as well within as without? and are the Seats of your Church well maintained? If not, then through whose default, and what the defects are?

7 Whether is your Church-yard well and sufficiently repaired, fenced and maintained? If not, then by whose default any part is left vnre-

vnrepayred? and haue any trees beene fell'd in your Church-yard, and by whom?

8 Whether hath any perſon encroached vpon the ground of the Church-yard? And if any, what quantity of ground hath he encroached?

9 Whether doe you know of any that haue ſold, or made away any of the Bells, Lead, or other goods belonging to the Church? Or doe withhold any of the Church-ſtocke or goods? And whether any lands, goods, or cattells belonging to the Church be not vſed and imployed as by the Law they ought to be?

10 Whether haue you in your Church a true Note or Terrier of all the Glebe-lands, houſes and Tenements belonging to your Parſonage or Vicarage? and whether is it well kept and preſerued? And whether hath there a true copie thereof vnder the hands of the Miniſter & Church-wardens beene tranſmitted into the Lord Biſhops principall Regiſtry? If not, you ſhall make one and bring it in.

Articles concerning Eccleſiaſticall Officers.

1 WHether doe you know, or haue heard of any payment, compoſition or agreement, to or with the Chancellor, Archdeacon, or his Officiall, or their Regiſters, or other inferior Officers Eccleſiaſticall within this Dioceſſe, for the ſuppreſſing or concealing of any preſentment, excommunication, or other Eccleſiaſticall cenſure, of, or againſt Recuſants, or any other Offenders, or for not certifying of Recuſants to the Ordinary? or for not ſeruing of Proceſſe without a ſumme of money, or other conſideration, receiued or promiſed to any of them in that reſpect, and by whom?

2 Whether the Chancellor, Archdeacon, Officiall, or any other vſing Eccleſiaſticall Juriſdiction within this Dioceſſe, their Regiſters or Apparitors haue at any time winked at, & ſuffered any Adulteries, Fornications, Inceſts, or any other faults or offences preſented vnto them, to paſſe and remaine vnpuniſhed, and vncorrected, for money, rewards, bribes, pleaſure, friendſhip, or any other partiall reſpect?

3 Whether the Chancellor, Archdeacon, Officiall, or any other exerciſing Eccleſiaſtical Juriſdictiõ within this dioceſſe, or any Regiſter, Apparitor, or Miniſter belonging to the ſame Eccleſiaſticall Courts,

haue eracted extraordinarie or greater Fees, then heretofore of late hath beene accustomed? And whether is there a Table of the Rates of all Fees, set vp in their severall Courts and Offices? And whether doe they, or any of them exact or receiue greater or more fees then are therein expressed? And whether they or any of them haue any way abused themselues in their Offices, contrary to the Law and Canons in that case provided?

4 Whether the Chancellour, Archdeacon, or Officiall hath or doth commute or change any penance, or corporall punishment for any money, without the consent of the L. Bishop? and what money such Chancellour, Archdeacon or Officiall hath receiued? and of whom? when, and what the offence was, for which any such summe of money was receiued and appointed to be paid? set downe the particulars of the premisses.

5 Whether hath the Chancellour, Archdeacon, or Officiall increased the number of his Apparitors, or appointed any Apparitour aboue the vsuall number, and wherein and in what manner is the Countrie ouer-burdened, and grieued by the said Apparitors? And whether doth any of the said Apparitors cause any parties to appeare in the said Courts, without first a presentment or citation obtained from the Iudge of the Court?

Articles concerning Schoolemasters.

1 WHether doth any Recusant Papist in your parish keepe any Schoolemaster in his house, who commeth not to Church to heare diuine Seruice, and to receiue the Communion? what is his name? and how long hath he taught?

2 Whether the Schoolemaster or Shoolemasters within your parish openly or priuately in any house, or in any other place, be of good and sincere Religion (that is, of the Religion established in this Realme) life and conuersation, and be diligent in teaching and bringing vp of youth? and whether haue they beene examined, allowed and licensed for Schoolemasters by the L. Bishop of this Diocesse, or his Chancellour?

3 Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters do themselues receiue

receiue the holy Communion, as often as they ought to doe? and whether doe they teach their Scholars the Catechisme commanded by publike authoritie, at the least once every weeke? and doe instruct and examine them in the same? and whether doe all their scholars that are of sufficient age and capacity receiue the Communion as they ought to doe?

4 Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters, or any of them be knowne, or suspected to reade vnto their scholars privately any vnlawfull Bookes? or privately to instruct them in their young yeares in Popery, superstition, Schisme, disobedience or contempt of his Maiestie, and his Lawes Ecclesiasticall by publike authority allowed?

5 Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters within your parish doe teach his or their scholars any other Grammar, then that which is commonly called the Kings Grammar, set forth by the authority of King Henry the eight? and whether they be negligent in instructing their scholars in the Catechisme and grounds of Religion, and in bringing them to Church to heare diuine Seruice and Sermons? whether doe they instruct their scholars in any other Catechisme, then is allowed by publike authority? and whether are they common Officers, Farmers, Artificers, or otherwise intangled in other affaires, that they cannot benefit their scholars in learning?

Articles concerning Parishioners, and others of the Laytie.

1 WHether any in your parish, or else-where neere about the same, to your knowledge, or as you haue heard, hath affirmed that the King hath not the same power in all causes Ecclesiasticall, which the Kings of Israel had, and which the Christian Kings and Emperours had in the Primitiue Church? or that hath impeached or gaine-said his Royall Supremacie?

2 Whether doe you know, or haue credibly heard of any within your parish, that depraue the Christian Religion, and namely, as it is established by publike authority, and professed within the Church of England? and whether hath any person, as you haue heard, affir-

med, that the Church of England is not a true Catholike and Apostolike Church: and doth not teach and maintaine the Catholike faith and doctrine of the Apostles?

3 Whether hath any said & affirmed, that any thing in the Booke of Common Prayer, or in the Booke of Articles of Religion, set forth by the Convocation Anno 1562: or any of the Rites & Ceremonies established in the Church of England, are corrupt, wicked, Antichristian, superstitious, vnlawfull, or repugnant to the Scriptures?

4 Whether hath any affirmed, preached, or taught the forme of making and consecrating Bishops, Priests & Deacons, or any thing therein contained, is not agreable to the word of God: or that the government of the Church, vnder the Kings most excellent Maiesty, by Archbishops, Bishops, or others that beare any office therein, is Antichristian, or not agreable to the word of God? or that hath spoken any reproachfull or disgracefull speeches of the Kings Maiesties Courts Ecclesiasticall, or the proceedings thereof?

5 Whether any in your Parish hath, or doth profane the Lords day called Sunday, or other holy-day, contrary to the orders of the Church of England prescribed in that behalfe? or whether any persons haue lurked or tippled in Taverns or Ale-houses on Sundayes, or other holy-dayes, or vsed his or their manuall craft or trade, or any bodily labour, or kept their shops open vpon the same dayes, or any of them, especially in the time of divine Service?

6 Whether hath any in your Parish brawled, quarrelled, or stricken, or vsed any violence vnto, or with your Minister, or any other person in the Church, or Church-yard, or vsed himselfe disorderly in the Church, or Church-yard by filthy and profane talke, or any other rude and immodest behauiour?

7 Whether there be any that do not reverently behaue thēselues during the time of divine Service, devoutly kneeling when the generall Confession of sinnes, the Letany, the ten Commandements, and all prayers and Collects are read; and vsing all due and lowly reverence when the blessed name of the Lord Iesus is mentioned; and standing vp, when the Articles of the Beliefe are read? or which doe cover their heads in the Church during the time of divine Seruice: vnlesse it be in case of necessitie, in which case they may vse a night-cap.

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8 Whether doe the Church-wardens and Queſt-men every Sunday and holy-day diligently ſearch who abſenteth himſelfe or herſelfe from the Church? or whether doe they ſuffer any to abide in the Church-porch or Church-yard in the time of common prayer or Sermon?

9 Whether the Church-wardens and Queſt-men, or any of them haue forborne (for money, reward, favour or affection) to preſent any that were or be negligent in comming to Church? or whom they haue found as idle perſons abroad, either in the Church-yard, or ſtreets in the time of common Prayer, or Sermons on the Sunday or holy-dayes? or any that haue not receiued the Communion yearely at the Feaſt of Eaſter, or within a moneth after, according to the Canons?

10 Whether the Church-wardens doe prouide againſt every Communion, with the advice of the Miniſter a ſufficient quantitie of fine white bread, and of good and wholſome wine for the number of Communicants that ſhall receiue, and that to be brought in a cleane and ſweete ſtanding Pot of Pewter, or of other pure mettall?

11 Whether haue any in your Pariſh beene Godfathers or Godmothers to their owne children? or whether your Miniſter, or any Godfathers or Godmothers haue vſed or doe vſe any other forme, anſwer, or ſpeech in Baptiſme, then is by the Booke of common Prayer appointed? or doe giue the children baptized any name abſurd or inconvenient for ſo holy an action? or whether any which haue not communicated, haue beene admitted to be Godfathers or Godmothers contrary to the 29. Canon?

12 Whether doe all Fathers, Mothers, Maſters, and Miſtreſſes cauſe their children, ſeruants and apprentices to come to the Catechiſme on the Sundayes and holy-dayes before euening Prayer, to heare, and to be inſtructed and taught therein? and thoſe that doe not their duties herein, you ſhall preſent their names.

13 Whether haue you or your predeceſſors Church-wardens there, ſuffered any Playes, Feaſts, Banquets, Church-Ales, Drinkings, or any other prophane Playes, to be kept in your Church, chappell, or Church-yard, or Bells to be rung ſuperſtitiouſly on holy-dayes, or Eues, abrogated by the Booke of common Prayer.

14 How many Inhabitants within your Parish, men or women aboue the age of sixteene yeares, doe refuse to frequent diuine Seruice, established by the publike authoritie of this Realme, or to receiue the holy Communion, or are negligent therein? or comming to Church, doe depart before the end of diuine Seruice or Sermon? what be their names? and of what degree, state, or trade of life are they? you are to present them all of each sort.

15 Whether doe any of the said Inhabitants within the said Parish entertaine within their houses any Soiourners, lodgers, or any common resorters and guests, who refuse to frequent diuine Seruice, or receiue the holy Communion, as aforesaid? what be their names, and of what qualitie or condition are they?

16 Whether any of the said Popish Recusants be of insolent behauiour, not without publike offence, or doe boldly busie themselues in seducing or withdrawing others, either abroad or in their owne families, by instructing their children in Popish Religion, or by refusing to entertaine any, especially of greatest seruice or trust, but such as concurre with them in opinion of Religion? and what be their names that so doe?

17 How long haue the said Popish Recusants obstinately abstayned either from diuine Seruice, or from the Communion, as is aforesaid? whether of any long time, or onely since his Maiesties reigne, and how many moneths?

18 Whether there be any Popish Recusants married, or the childe of any Recusant christ'ned, or any Recusant buried within your Parish, by any other then the Minister of the Parish? or whether the childe of any Recusant remaine vnbaptized aboue one moneth, or be not baptized in the Parish Church?

19 You shall present how the children of such as refuse to come to Church, are brought vp, vnder what Schoolemaster or Tutor, when, and in what Schoole, or place.

20 What persons aforesaid within your Parish, either for the offence aforesaid, or for any other contumacie or crime doe remaine excommunicated? what be their names? and for what cause, and how long haue they so stood excommunicated? and whether doe any familiarly vse the company of such as doe obstinately stand excommunicate knowing the same? and what be their names?

21 Whether were you the Churchwardens and Sidemen chosen by

by the consent of the Minister and Parishioners? and whether haue the Church-wardens before you giuen vp a iust account for their time, of their receipts and disbursments, and deliuered you whatsoeuer money, or other things, or goods, or stocke of the Church which was in their hands? and whether doe you diligently see, that all the Parishioners doe duly resort to their Church euery Sunday and holy-day, and there continue the whole time of diuine Seruice, and suffer none to stand idle, or walke, or talke in the Church, Church-porch, or Church-yard, during that time?

22 Whether do all persons aboue the age of sixteene yeares vsually resort to heare diuine Seruice vpon Sundayes, and holy-dayes approued? and whether hath each one of your Parishioners (being aboue the age of sixteene yeares, as aforesaid) receiued the holy Communion thrice this last yeare, and chiefly once at Easter last in your Parish Church kneeling? If no, then you shall present their names which haue not so done.

23 Whether haue you a fit Parish-Clarke aged twenty yeares at least, of honest conuersation, and sufficient for reading and writing, and whether he be payd his wages without fraud, according to the ancient custome of your Parish? if not, then by whom is he so defrauded and denyed? and whether is he chosen by the Parson or Vicar, or by whom? And whether is your said Clarke approued and admitted by the Lord Bishop of this Dioceſſe?

24 Whether haue any in your Parish beene married within the prohibited degrees forbidden by the Law, and exprest in a certaine Table published by authority in Anno 1563? if yea, then you shall present their names: and whether is the said Table publikely set vp in your Church, and fast'ned to some conuenient place there?

25 Whether doe any heretofore diuorced, or married and not diuorced, keepe company at bed and board as man and wife with any other man or woman, then with the person that he or shee was married vnto? what be their names? when, and where were they married? and how long haue they so continued together? and whether any husband and wife in your Parish are apart each from other?

26 Whether haue you in your Parish to your knowledge, or haue you heard by common fame and report, any which haue committed Adulterie, Fornication, or Incest, which haue not beene publikely

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punished to your knowledge? if yea, then with whom? Or any man that hath attempted the chastitie of any woman? or any who haue committed Incontinencie together before they were married? or any in your Parish suspected to be Bawdes, harbourers or receiuers of such persons, or suspected of any of the crimes aforesaid? if yea, then with whom?

27 Whether haue you any in your Parish, which are by common fame and report, or vehement suspicion reputed and taken to be common Drunkards, Blasphemers of Gods holy name, common and vsuall swearers, filthy speakers, raylers, sowers of discord amongst their neighbours, or speakers against Ministers Marriages, Vsurers contrary to the Statute made in the 37. of King Henry the eight, Simoniacall Persons, Fighters, Brawlers, or Quarrellers in Church or Church-yard? you shall not faile to present their names.

28 Whether haue any in your Parish receiued or harboured any woman with childe, that was not before a house-holder in your Parish? or gotten with childe out of wedlocke, and suffered her to depart againe without punishment first inflicted by the Ordinary? you shall present aswell the party harbouring as harboured, and who is suspected to be the father of the childe, and who hath helped to conuey her away.

29 Whether any person or persons suspected or detected heretofore of Incontinencie, and therefore departing out of your Parish for a season, is now returned againe? or in what place else is he or shee now abiding to your knowledge, or as you haue heard? And whether he or shee hath done any Penance, or else escaped without penance, and by what and whose meanes? you shall not faile to present the whole truth in that behalfe.

30 Whether haue you any in your Parish which liue together as man and wife, and yet are not knowne by whom, where, or when they were married? And herein you are especially to enquire of those who are Recusants, or whereof the one of them is a Recusant or Sectary: present your knowledge herein, and what the common fame or report is among your neighbours.

31 Whether any within your Parish or else-where within this Diocesse, haue retayned or kept in their custodie, or reade, sell, vtter, dispersse, or deliver to any others any English or Latine Bookes, or libels,

Libels, set forth or printed either on this side, or beyond the Seas, by Papists or Sectaries against the Kings Supremacie in causes Ecclesiasticall, or tending to Popery, Puritanisme, or any other Sect, errour, or heresie, against the true and Catholike Religion, and doctrine now publikely professed in this Church, or the Government or discipline of the Church of England established by Authority, that you know or haue heard of? what their names and sirnames are?

32 Whether there be any in your Parish who are knowne or suspected to conceale or keepe hid in their houses, any Masse-bookes, or other Bookes of Popery or superstition?

33 Whether there be any in your Parish, who will come to heare the Sermon, but will not come to the publike prayer appointed by the Booke of common Prayer, making a schisme, or division (as it were) betweene the vse of publike Prayer, and Preaching?

34 Whether you know in your Parish any receiuers of Iesuits, Seminarie or Massing Priests? And what be the names and sirnames of all Recusants or halfe recusants that come not to Church to heare diuine service? or if they doe that, yet doe not receiue the holy Communion, as by Law they ought?

35 Whether you know of any that haue abused the Church-wardens or Sidemen of your Parish, or giuen them ill words for doing their office according to their oath and duety?

36 Whether doe you know any that obstinately defend heresies, schismes, or false doctrines? or doe vse conventicles and vnlawfull meetings?

37 Whether are there in your Parish any wills not yet proued, or goods of the dead dying intestate, left vnadministred by Authoritie of the Ordinarie in that behalfe? And whether any possesse the goods of any person deceased without authoritie from the Ordinary? you shall not faile to present the Executors, and all others culpable therein.

38 Whether is there any Legacie giuen to the Church, or to other good and godly vses; as releife of the Poore, Orphans, poore Scholars, poore maidens Marriages, Schooles, high-wayes, and such like, which is not yet performed? if there be any such, you shall present what you know, or can learne thereof, and by whose default the same is not performed.

39 Whether any of your Parishioners, hauing a Preacher to the Parson, Vicar, or Curate doe absent themselues from his Sermons, and resort to any other place, to heare other Preachers, or refuse to receiue the holy Communion at their Ministers hands: and whether any other Minister hath receiued to the Communion any of your Parish: specifie the names both of the Minister and of the Parishioner.

40 Whether are there in your Parish any In-holders, Ale-house-keepers, victuallers or Tipplers, that suffer or doe admit any person or persons into their houses, to eate, drinke, play at dice, cardes, tables, bowles, or such like games, in the time of common Prayer or Sermon on Sundayes or holy-dayes: or any Butchers, Victuallers, Mercers, or any of other Trades or Occupations that vse to keepe their Shop-windowes open, or sell their meates, victuals, ware or merchandizes, or otherwise vse their Trade or Occupation on Sundayes or holy-dayes, especially in the time of common Prayer, or Sermon? and whether any Markets or selling of wares be vsed or suffered in any Church-yard on the Sunday by common packmen, or Pedlers going about, or by any Butcher?

41 Whether any married woman within your Parish after childbirth, refuse or neglect to come to Church to giue God thankes for her safe delivery, and to haue the Prayers publikely appointed on that behalfe by the Booke of common prayer?

42 Whether are there any in your parish, who refuse to haue their children baptised, or themselues to receiue the Communion, at the hand of your Minister, because he is no Preacher? or whether any keepe their children longer vnbaptised then is conuenient: or whether any doe carry their childe or children from their owne parish to any other parish to be baptised, and to what other parish: who baptised such a childe, and whose childe was it: and whether haue you in your parish any childe or children, which are not yet knowne to you or to your Minister to be baptised? herein you are especially to enquire of the children, whose parents or one of them are Recusants.

43 Whether doe you know, or haue heard of any Patron in your parish, that hath made gaine by any colour, deceit, or Simoniacall compact in bestowing his Benefice for gaine, or receiuing money, or promise of the lease of the whole, or part, or by reseruing his owne

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44 Whether the Almes-houſes, or Hoſpitals in your Pariſh are well and godly vſed and ordered according to the foundations and Ordinances of the ſame? and whether there be any other placed in them, then poore, impotent, and needie perſons, that haue not wherewith or whereby to liue? and by whoſe default are they not ſo ordered and kept?

45 What Midwiues haue you in your pariſh? of what skill are they accounted of for that Office? and whether are they licenſed by their Ordinarie to execute the ſame?

46 Whether haue you any in your pariſh that practiſe Phiſicke or Chirurgerie? of what skill are they accounted for their profeſſion? and whether doe they practiſe without a particular licenſe from the Lord Biſhop of this Dioceſſe?

47 Whether haue any of your pariſh dying excommunicate, or wilfully deſtroying himſelfe, beene buried in the Church or Church-yard? by whom, and by whoſe procurement?

48 Whether any in your pariſh hath or doe refuſe to contribute towards the reparation of the Church, and to the prouiſion of ſuch things as belong thereunto?

49 Whether the fift day of November be kept in your pariſh with Prayer and Thankſgiuing to Almighty God, in ſuch forme, as is by publike Authority appointed for that day?

50 Laſtly, if you know any other matter of Eccleſiaſticall cognizance, worthy the preſentment in your iudgement, heretofore in theſe Articles not expreſſed, and which is fit to be reformed by Eccleſiaſticall cenſure, you ſhall likewiſe preſent the ſame by vertue of your Oathes.

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